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APPLICATION

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SPECIFICATION

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

BE IT KNOWN THAT I, **CLAYTON R. YOUNKER**, a citizen of UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have invented a new and useful **POOL TABLE DECORATIVE LIGHT** of which the following is a specification:

POOL TABLE DECORATIVE LIGHT

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

10 The present invention relates to pool table lights and more particularly pertains to a new pool table decorative light for directing light toward a pool table and covering a light assembly.

15 Description of the Prior Art

 The use of pool table lights is known in the prior art. More specifically, pool table lights heretofore devised and utilized are known to consist basically of familiar, expected and obvious 20 structural configurations, notwithstanding the myriad of designs encompassed by the crowded prior art which have been developed for the fulfillment of countless objectives and requirements.

 Known prior art includes U.S. Patent No. 3,783,544; U.S. 25 Patent No. 4,029,313; U.S. Patent No. 3,760,179; U.S. Des. Patent No. 268,940; U.S. Des. Patent No. 152,390; and U.S. Des. Patent No. 374,293.

 While these devices fulfill their respective, particular 30 objectives and requirements, the aforementioned patents do not

disclose a new pool table decorative light. The inventive device includes a light housing, the light housing has an open bottom side such that an interior and exterior of the light housing are defined. The light housing has a shape generally resembling a car. The light 5 housing has a pair of openings therein such that each of the cables holding a light assembly may extend through one of the openings such that the light housing may be positioned between the light assembly and the ceiling. A plurality of accessories may be used for individually decorating an exterior surface of the light housing.

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In these respects, the pool table decorative light according to the present invention substantially departs from the conventional concepts and designs of the prior art, and in so doing provides an apparatus primarily developed for the purpose of directing light 15 toward a pool table and covering a light assembly.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In view of the foregoing disadvantages inherent in the known 20 types of pool table lights now present in the prior art, the present invention provides a new pool table decorative light construction wherein the same can be utilized for directing light toward a pool table and covering a light assembly.

25 The general purpose of the present invention, which will be described subsequently in greater detail, is to provide a new pool table decorative light apparatus and method which has many of the advantages of the pool table lights mentioned heretofore and many novel features that result in a new pool table decorative light which 30 is not anticipated, rendered obvious, suggested, or even implied by any of the prior art pool table lights, either alone or in any combination thereof.

To attain this, the present invention generally comprises a light housing, the light housing has an open bottom side such that an interior and exterior of the light housing are defined. The light 5 housing has a shape generally resembling a car. The light housing has a pair of openings therein such that each of the cables holding a light assembly may extend through one of the openings such that the light housing may be positioned between the light assembly and the ceiling. A plurality of accessories may be used for individually 10 decorating an exterior surface of the light housing.

There has thus been outlined, rather broadly, the more important features of the invention in order that the detailed description thereof that follows may be better understood, and in 15 order that the present contribution to the art may be better appreciated. There are additional features of the invention that will be described hereinafter and which will form the subject matter of the claims appended hereto.

20 In this respect, before explaining at least one embodiment of the invention in detail, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited in its application to the details of construction and to the arrangements of the components set forth in the following description or illustrated in the drawings. The invention is capable 25 of other embodiments and of being practiced and carried out in various ways. Also, it is to be understood that the phraseology and terminology employed herein are for the purpose of description and should not be regarded as limiting.

30 As such, those skilled in the art will appreciate that the conception, upon which this disclosure is based, may readily be utilized as a basis for the designing of other structures, methods

and systems for carrying out the several purposes of the present invention. It is important, therefore, that the claims be regarded as including such equivalent constructions insofar as they do not depart from the spirit and scope of the present invention.

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Further, the purpose of the foregoing abstract is to enable the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the public generally, and especially the scientists, engineers and practitioners in the art who are not familiar with patent or legal terms or phraseology, to determine quickly from a cursory inspection the nature and essence of the technical disclosure of the application. The abstract is neither intended to define the invention of the application, which is measured by the claims, nor is it intended to be limiting as to the scope of the invention in any way.

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It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a new pool table decorative light apparatus and method which has many of the advantages of the pool table lights mentioned heretofore and many novel features that result in a new pool table decorative light which is not anticipated, rendered obvious, suggested, or even implied by any of the prior art pool table lights, either alone or in any combination thereof.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a new pool table decorative light which may be easily and efficiently manufactured and marketed.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a new pool table decorative light which is of a durable and reliable construction.

An even further object of the present invention is to provide a new pool table decorative light which is susceptible of a low cost of manufacture with regard to both materials and labor, and which accordingly is then susceptible of low prices of sale to the 5 consuming public, thereby making such pool table decorative light economically available to the buying public.

Still yet another object of the present invention is to provide a new pool table decorative light which provides in the apparatuses 10 and methods of the prior art some of the advantages thereof, while simultaneously overcoming some of the disadvantages normally associated therewith.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide a 15 new pool table decorative light for directing light toward a pool table and covering a light assembly.

Yet another object of the present invention is to provide a new pool table decorative light which includes a light housing, the 20 light housing has an open bottom side such that an interior and exterior of the light housing are defined. The light housing has a shape generally resembling a car. The light housing has a pair of openings therein such that each of the cables holding a light assembly may extend through one of the openings such that the 25 light housing may be positioned between the light assembly and the ceiling. A plurality of accessories may be used for individually decorating an exterior surface of the light housing.

Still yet another object of the present invention is to provide 30 a new pool table decorative light that may be customized for the surroundings in which it is to be located.

Even still another object of the present invention is to provide a new pool table decorative light that may be painted such that light does not escape through the light housing.

5 These together with other objects of the invention, along with the various features of novelty which characterize the invention, are pointed out with particularity in the claims annexed to and forming a part of this disclosure. For a better understanding of the invention, its operating advantages and the specific objects attained 10 by its uses, reference should be made to the accompanying drawings and descriptive matter in which there are illustrated preferred embodiments of the invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

15 The invention will be better understood and objects other than those set forth above will become apparent when consideration is given to the following detailed description thereof. Such description makes reference to the annexed drawings wherein:

20 Figure 1 is a schematic side view of a new pool table decorative light according to the present invention.

Figure 2 is a schematic perspective view of the present 25 invention.

Figure 3 is a schematic front view of the present invention.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

30 ~~With reference now to the drawings, and in particular to Figures 1 through 3 thereof, a new pool table decorative light~~

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embodimenting the principles and concepts of the present invention and generally designated by the reference numeral 10 will be described.

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03* As best illustrated in Figures 1 through 3, the pool table decorative light 10 generally comprises a light housing 12. The light housing 12 has an open bottom side 14 such that an interior and exterior of the light housing are defined. The light housing 12 has a shape generally resembling a race car such that a hood portion 16, roof portion 17, trunk portion 18, four wheels 19 and two sides 10 walls 20 are defined. The light housing 12 is substantially transparent. The light housing 12 preferably comprises a material selected from the group consisting of plastic and fiberglass. The race car shape is generally that of race cars found in NASCAR or Indy car racing, though any type of car may be used. Thus, sports 15 cars, or other classic cars may also be replicated.

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04* A light assembly 22 is elongate. The light assembly 22 has a top wall 24 and a pair of ends 26. The light assembly 22 is adapted to illuminate at least one elongated fluorescent light bulb 28. A 20 pair of cables 30 hangs the light assembly 22 from the ceiling. Each of the cables 30 is coupled to the top wall 24 and each is positioned generally adjacent to an opposite end 26 of the top wall 24. The light assembly 22 is operatively coupled to a power source. The light housing 22 has a first opening, not shown, in the 25 hood portion 16 and a second opening, not shown, in the trunk portion 18 such that each of the openings may receive one of the cables 30. The light assembly 22 may be any conventional hanging light fixture which is elongate to support the light housing 12 as the light housing 12 is placed between the ceiling and the light 30 assembly 22.

A pair of spacing members 32, 34 place a portion of space between the interior surface of the light housing 12 and the light assembly 22. Each of the spacing members 32, 34 is positioned between the light assembly 22 and an interior surface of the light 5 housing 12. A first 32 of the spacing members is between the top wall 24 of the light assembly 22 and the hood portion 16 of the light housing 12. A second 34 of the spacing members is positioned between the top wall 24 of the light assembly 22 and the trunk portion 18. Each of the spacing members 32, 34 comprises a 10 block, which is comprised of a foamed plastic material, such as polystyrene. The blocks each have a size adapted to keep the light housing relatively level with the pool table 70.

A plurality of accessories may be used to individually 15 decorate an exterior surface of the light housing. The plurality of accessories includes a plurality of paints 36. Each of the paints 36 has a different color. A portion of the paints 36 comprises spray paints. A plurality of paint brushes 38 may be used to add additional paint by hand.

20 A plurality of decals 40 may be placed on the light housing. Each of the decals 40 has a different indicia thereon. Each of the decals 40 is securable to an exterior surface of the light housing 12. The decals 40 may include numbers, advertising, tire decals for 25 the tires or names of famous car drivers.

A gluing means 42 may be used for gluing items to the light housing. The gluing means comprises a conventional glue. The items may include names, numbers or advertising which is not 30 represented by a decal.

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A container holds the accessories. The container has a base wall 44 having a top surface and a bottom surface. The top surface has a plurality of vertical walls 48 thereon such that a plurality of discrete sections are defined. Each of the discrete sections is adapted for holding a portion of the accessories. The container has a shape adapted for being removably insertable in the interior of the light housing 12 as shown in Figure 2.

10 In use, the user first paints the light housing 12 the color or colors desired. The decals 40 are then placed on the light housing as seen fit by the user. Once the light housing 12 is finished, it may be hung over the light assembly 22 which would then be coupled to the ceiling. Such lights are often found over pool tables
15 70.

As to a further discussion of the manner of usage and operation of the present invention, the same should be apparent from the above description. Accordingly, no further discussion 20 relating to the manner of usage and operation will be provided.

With respect to the above description then, it is to be realized that the optimum dimensional relationships for the parts of the invention, to include variations in size, materials, shape, form, 25 function and manner of operation, assembly and use, are deemed readily apparent and obvious to one skilled in the art, and all equivalent relationships to those illustrated in the drawings and described in the specification are intended to be encompassed by the present invention.

30 Therefore, the foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Further, since numerous

modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly, all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the
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